## Refrigerator Version 1-2

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<th><strong>Definition:</strong></th>
<th>a device designed to keep food from spoiling by cooling and freezing.</th>
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<td><strong>Name Variants:</strong></td>
<td>fridge, icebox, freezer</td>
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<td><strong>Most Common Materials:</strong></td>
<td>sheet metal, plastic, fiberglass, aluminum, copper, alloy</td>
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<td><strong>Most Common Components:</strong></td>
<td>compressor, condenser coils, evaporator coils, handle, shelves, light bulb, draw, expansion valve, seals, door</td>
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## Location & Inspection of Refrigerator

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<th>Abilities or Knowledge Needed:</th>
<th>- Visual acuity for location &amp; inspection</th>
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<td>- Mobility for access to all areas of the property</td>
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<td>- Understanding of item’s components</td>
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<th>Tools for Location &amp; Inspection</th>
<th>Useful: flashlight</th>
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<td>Common Locations:</td>
<td>Required: thermometer, measuring device</td>
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<td>Unit/ Inside:</td>
<td>kitchen, community rooms or any area/ room the resident or property may choose to have a refrigerator</td>
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| How to Locate:                        | Visual Observation: Look in unit and common areas where refrigerators are used. |

| Possible Deficiencies:                | Deficiency 1: Refrigerator does not cool                               |
|                                       | Deficiency 2: Seal is not securely affixed to the door                |
|                                       | Deficiency 3: Refrigerator is missing where required                  |
**Deficiency 1: Refrigerator does not cool**

| Rationale: | Health, Indirect: A refrigerator that does not cool will not effectively inhibit pathogen growth on food that is stored in it. This increases the risk of foodborne illness. Corrective Maintenance, Direct: It is reasonable to expect tenants to report refrigerators that do not cool and for facilities management to prioritize a work order response to fix that deficiency. Routine Maintenance, Direct: It is reasonable to expect that refrigerators that do not cool would be identified through routine observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency. |
| Health and Safety Determination: | This is a standard health and safety issue requiring a correction, remedy, or act of abatement within 30 days |
| How to Inspect: | Action: Open the refrigerator door and place hand inside to feel for a cold temperature. Use—if there’s any doubt at all that the refrigerator is cold enough—a thermometer to measure the temperature by placing it inside the refrigerator and closing the door. Wait 2 minutes (inspecting other items can continue during this time). Open refrigerator and read thermometer. Open the freezer door and determine if food is frozen. |
| Record deficiency if: | the refrigerator is not cooling at the correct temperature of 40 degrees or the freezer is not keeping the food items frozen. |
**Deficiency 2: Refrigerator seal is not securely affixed to the door**

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<th>Rationale:</th>
<th>Health, Indirect: A refrigerator seal that is not securely affixed to the door may limit the ability of that refrigerator to maintain a cool temperature. A refrigerator that is not cool will not effectively inhibit pathogen growth on food that is stored in it. This could increase the risk of foodborne illness.</th>
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<td>Health and Safety Determination:</td>
<td>This is not a health and safety issue. It is a function and operability issue and should be corrected in accordance to the property management’s established maintenance plans.</td>
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<td>How to Inspect:</td>
<td><strong>Visual Observation:</strong> Look for the refrigerator</td>
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<td><strong>Action:</strong> Open the refrigerator door and thoroughly inspect the seal on all four sides of the door.</td>
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<td>Record deficiency if:</td>
<td>the seal is hanging, sagging, separating, or is detached.</td>
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### Deficiency 3: Refrigerator is missing

**Rationale:**
Health, Indirect: If a refrigerator is missing, this limits the ability to store foods at cool temperatures appropriate to limiting pathogen growth. This increases the risk of foodborne illness.

Corrective Maintenance, Direct: It is reasonable to expect tenants to report if a refrigerator is missing and for facilities management to prioritize a work order response to fix that deficiency.

Routine Maintenance, Direct: It is reasonable to expect that a missing refrigerator would be noticed through routine observations and facilities management would prioritize work orders to fix this deficiency.

**Health and Safety Determination:**
This is a standard health and safety issue requiring a correction, remedy, or act of abatement within 30 days.

**How to Inspect:**
**Visual Observation:** Look in kitchen or common area where clearly a space for a refrigerator has been designated.

**Please note:** Certain OHP properties may not require a refrigerator.

**Record deficiency if:**
A refrigerator, where required, is missing.
Summary of Changes (from Version 1)

- The Rationales and the Health and Safety Determinations have been updated, following in-house review and public comment.
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